

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION.**

Please replace the section heading and paragraph at page 1, line 3, through page 1, line 8, (following the title) with the following rewritten paragraph and section heading:

--[Background]

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/454,533, filed December 6, 1999, now US Patent 6,610,824, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/892,549, filed July 14, 1997, now US Patent No. 5,998,367, which is a [division] divisional of [application Serial] Application No. 08/447,849, filed May 23, 1995, now US Patent No. 5,686,411, which is a continuation of [application Serial] Application No. 07/794,266, filed November 19, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of [application Serial] Application No. 07/667,040, filed March 8, 1991, which prior applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their totalities (including drawings).

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